and not on the basis of any considerations of area, State, region or population.

Hiring of Oil Tankers from Private Companies

*238. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : DR. BAPU KALDATE :

WiU the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to hire oil tankers from the private sector shipping companies to replace the ageing fleet of oil tankers with the Shipping Corporation of India and also to issue licences for the acquisition of oil tankers to private companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the terms and conditions if any, laid down by Government in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the Shipping Corporation of India is likely to be benefited as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government do not pro-pose to hire oil tankers from Private Sector Shipping Companies. However, a few private shipping companies have been issued licences for acquisition of crude oil tankers with the option to enter into suitable arrangements with the Shipping Corporation of India. The arrangement would be that the ship acquired by the company would be given to Shipping Corporation of India on charter-cum-demise basis and this can be treated as Shipping Corporation of India vessel for all intents and purposes. Such vessels can then be deployed with Oil Coordination Committee.

(c) Due to financial and some procedural constraints, Shipping Corporation of India has not been able to acquire oil tankers in time. The acquisition of vessels through bare boat charter-cum-demise method would enable the Shipping Corporation of Tndia to augment its tanker fleet for this purpose.

lamih Planning Congress and IPPF Meet

*239. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently held Family Planning Congress and IPPF Meet at New Delhi was co-sponsored by Population Council, USA;

(b) whether Government are aware that the same Council issues trade marks of the manufacture of Norplants (the controversial hormonal contraceptive); and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Population Council, USA, used this Meet to promote their own brand i.e. Norplant ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTE-DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Population Council hold patent rights for NORPLANT.

(c) No, Sir.

लखनऊ-उन्नाव रेल लाइन का दोहरीकरण

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क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लखनऊ-उन्नाव रेल लाइन के दोहरीकरण और मीटर गेज लाइन के बड़ी लाइन में रूपान्तरण का कार्य तथा कानपुर से अनवरगंज तक बड़ी लाइन के विस्तार तथा गंगा नदी पर रेलवे पुल के निर्माण से संबंधित कार्य किस चरण में है ; और

(ख) उक्त कार्य को कब तक पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) लखनऊ-उन्नाव खण्ड पर दोहरी लाइन बिछाने तथा गंगा पुल के सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य काफी प्रगति पर है, कानपुर सेंट्रल-कानपुर अनवरगंज खण्ड के

आमान परिवर्तन का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) वित्त वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान ।

Highly Polluting Industrial Unite

2370. SHRI MD. SALIM .-WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of highly polluting industrial units in the country; Statewise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take against those units for not complying with the pollution control stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) As per the data collected from the States by the Central Pollution Control Board, the number of highly polluting industries identified in the country, State-wise, are given below :

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total No. of Units
1.	Andhra Pradesh	178
2.	Assam	11
3.	Bihar	62
4.	Goa	07
5.	Haryana	43
6.	Himachal Pradesh	09
7.	Karnataka	84
8.	Kerala	24
9.	Madhya Pradesh	79
10.	Meghalaya	01
11.	Orissa	26
12.	Punjab	45
13.	Rajasthan	60
14.	Tamil Nadu	96
15.	UT-Chandigarh	01
16.	UT-Daman & Diu	03
17.	UT-Delhi	05
18.	UT-Pondicherry	11
19.	Uttar Pradesh	223
20.	Maharashtra	435
21.	West Bengal	73
22	Gujarat	224

(b) Action is taken under the provisions of relevant Acts against those units which do not comply with the prescribed standards.

Manufacturing of Hazardous Chemicals

2371. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND' FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering fresh action in regard to manufacturing of the 179 hazardous chemicals and three explosives listed in the Public Liability Insurance;

(b) if so, the details of action proposed;

(c) whether Government are aware of the inadequacies in the Act;

(d) how these are to be made-up; and

(e) where are theset units concentrated-location spread and action taken particularly for Bombay in Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No inadequacies have come to the notice of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Hazardous chemicals manufacturing units are mainly concentrated in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal. State Governments including Maharashtra have been asked to ensure that hazardous chemical units, which come under the purview of the Act, take the insurance cover.

Indigenous Pollution Control Technologies

2372. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND' FOR ESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to encourage indigenous firms to develop our own pollution-control technologies